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THIRTY-FIRST  
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*Buffalo, 1897.*

ITINERARY  
SPECIAL G. A. R. TRAIN

Conveying Commander-in-Chief

T. S. CLARKSON,

and Staff and

JOHN A. EHRHARDT,

Department Commander of Nebraska,

Staff and Delegates as

his Escort.



Omaha, Neb., to Buffalo,

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D. Q. Clarkson

Comdr in Chief





COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S OFFICIAL TRAIN.

## **Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R. Official Train.**

The Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R. and the Department Commander of Nebraska, having selected the Union Pacific, the Chicago & North-Western and New York, Chicago & St. Louis (Nickel Plate), as the official routes, extends to all comrades, soldiers, their families and friends, a cordial invitation to join this special train at Omaha, August 21st, which will run from Omaha, Nebraska, to Buffalo, New York.



UNION PACIFIC BRIDGE CROSSING MISSOURI RIVER.



UNION DEPOT, AT OGDEN, UTAH.

This train will be recognized as the Commander-in-Chief's Official Train, conveying himself, official staff, and Department Commander of Nebraska, staff and delegates, as escort.

An invitation is not only extended to all old soldiers, their families and friends, west of the Missouri river, but also all those east of the Missouri river, to join this official train.

Comrades, their families and friends can avail themselves of any of the regular trains on Union Pacific,

Leaving OGDEN.....	8.10 AM	8.20 PM
Arriving CHEYENNE ....	1.40 AM	2 20 PM
Leaving DENVER.....	10.30 PM	.....
Arriving JULESBURG....	5.15 AM	.....

Leaving CHEYENNE ....	2.00 AM	2 40 PM
" JULESBURG....	5.30 AM	7.40 PM
" KEARNEY.....	11.30 AM	3.05 AM
" GRAND ISLAND	12.50 PM	4.40 AM
Arriving OMAHA.....	4.45 PM	10.20 AM

and there join the official train.

## Itinerary.

The official train will leave Union Depot, Omaha, at 6:00 p. m., Saturday, August 21st, arrive in Chicago, 8:00 a. m., August 22d, via Chicago & North-Western Railway. Will leave Chicago 3.00 p. m., Sunday, August 22d, via New York, Chicago & St. Louis (Nickel Plate) Railroad, reaching Buffalo at 8:00 a. m., Monday, August 23d.



Park, visiting the beautiful statues of Abraham Lincoln, Gen. U. S. Grant and Gen. John A. Logan, at a very small cost.

Parties taking this route will have the privilege of returning from Buffalo to Cleveland by steamer, a most delightful ride, resuming their railroad journey at Cleveland.

## Rates.

Rate from—

Albion, Neb.....	\$26 65
Beatrice, Neb.....	25 30
Blue Springs, Neb.....	24 90
Brainard, Neb.....	25 10
Central City, Neb.....	26 95
Cheyenne, Wyo.....	38 30
Columbus, Neb.....	25 70
David City, Neb.....	25 50
Denver, Colo .....	38 30
Fremont, Neb. ....	24 30
Grand Island, Neb.....	27 60
Granger, Wyo.....	51 30
Hastings, Neb.....	27 60
Humphreys, Neb.....	25 70
Kearney, Neb.....	28 75
Lincoln, Neb .....	24 70
Loup City, Neb.....	28 65
Norfolk, Neb.....	25 70
Ogden, Utah.....	51 30
Omaha, Neb.....	23 25
Ord, Neb .....	28 90
Schuyler, Neb.....	25 20
So. Omaha, Neb.....	23 25
St. Paul, Neb.....	27 75
Stromsburg, Neb.....	26 50
Wahoo, Neb.....	24 70

Tickets sold at above rates are good for return thirty days if deposited with agent at Buffalo.

Pullman berth, Omaha to Buffalo, \$5.50;  
Tourist berth, \$2.50.

### **Dates of Sale and Limits of Tickets.**

Tickets go on sale August 21st, and will be good to return any time within 10 days, or will be good for 30 days if deposited with the joint agent at Buffalo, and taken up when ready to return.

### **Stop-Overs.**

Such as are usually allowed on reduced rate tickets—at coupon points.



ROCK POINT VERMILLION, OHIO



The C. W. Miller Transfer Company of Buffalo, will have uniformed agents on all trains, and will arrange for the prompt delivery of all baggage.

### **Meals En Route.**

Passengers will get supper before leaving Omaha, and breakfast in depot at Chicago. Abundant opportunity will be given for meals in Chicago, and supper, after leaving Chicago, at Fort Wayne.

### **Nebraska Headquarters.**

The Commander-in-Chief and his personal staff will be at the Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, during the Encampment.

### **Brief Daily Programme.**

It is the intention of the Citizens' Committee to have a week of entertaining events, commencing on Sunday, August 22, 1897, with services in the various churches appropriate to the occasion.

The arrival of the Commander-in-Chief will occur Monday, August 23d, at 8 o'clock a m. On the same day will occur a parade of civic societies.

In the evening a reception will be tendered to Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and his staff.

On Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, a. m., the ex-Prisoners of War, Naval Veterans, and Sons of Veterans, will have their parade.

During the day there will be at least 50 reunions, and a reception to officers of and delegates to Women's Auxiliary Associations. In the evening several camp-fires will be held, and an illuminated bicycle parade will be given.



On Wednesday, at 9 o'clock, a. m., will occur the grand parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. Line of march will be over clean, smooth, nicely shaded asphalted streets. President McKinley, and the Governors of several states, will review with the Commander-in-Chief.

In the evening there will be several camp-fires, among them that for the Army Chaplains.

Thursday there will be about 100 reunions, and in the evening camp-fires. During the day will occur a parade of the soldiery of the present day, the Fourth Brigade, N. G., S. N. Y., and also a parade of "the soldiers of the future," the school boys of the city.

Open air band concerts will be given each day and evening.

This Reunion at Buffalo promises to be the largest held for many years. Its central location, low rates of fare, the beauty of the City of Buffalo, and the great attractions in its vicinity, besides the strenuous efforts made by its most prominent citizens to make the Thirty-First National Encampment a memorable one, all combine to insure an occasion which no veteran should miss if he can possibly get there.



SOLDIERS MONUMENT IN LAFAYETTE SQUARE AND LIBRARY BUILDING, BUFFALO.

## The City of Buffalo

is making extensive arrangements to care for the Veterans. Free quarters will be assigned in the city school buildings and in an extensive camp near the lake and convenient of access by electric cars.

## **Free Quarters in Schools.**

The city has fifty-six school houses, which have been placed at the disposal of the Citizens' Committee. Some of them are so remote from headquarters that they will not be assigned unless positively necessary to supply lodgings to all. Up to March 1st nearly ten thousand had applied for and been assigned to quarters in school houses. No assignments will be made except upon application of a Post over the signature of its commander or adjutant. The first applying will receive quarters nearest to headquarters, and no free quarters whatever will be assigned to other than members of Grand Army Posts (boys under sixteen years of age excepted), and under no consideration will ladies be assigned to free quarters.

The committee will furnish a mattress, basins and soap, and the occupant must furnish such covering as he may desire, and towels. Blankets and quilts can be purchased in the city from 50 cents upwards.

Sanitary arrangements will be provided, and the buildings will be guarded day and night.

## **Free Quarters in Camp.**

Camp Jewett, to contain 10,000 veterans,

has been established at "The Front." It is one of the most beautiful spots in our public park system, and is located at the foot of Lake Erie and at the source of the Niagara River, on a rise of ground fifty feet above the water—overlooking the broad expanse of Lake Erie and the rushing waters of Niagara River. The Canada shore opposite was the rendezvous of British troops during the wars with the United States. The ruins of old Fort Erie, used during 200 years by the French and British, is standing as a memory of a past full of exciting interest.

This will not be an ordinary camp. A large amount of money will be expended to overcome the objectionable features of which complaint has been made heretofore. There will be no soft earth to retain moisture, such



POINT GRATIOT, DUNKIRK, N. Y.

as may some time have been a cause of complaint against camps. The sodded meadow on which the tents will be pitched is tile-drained and free from dampness. It is the field on which our National Guard manœuvres, and on which our citizens assemble to listen to evening band concerts.

The tents will be fitted with elevated platforms, on which mattresses will be placed—thus keeping the camper above ground and avoiding the use of the treacherous, unreliable cot.

### Accommodations.

Hotel accommodations at Buffalo will be from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day. Rooms in private and boarding houses can be had at very reasonable rates, about \$1.00 per day, if inquiry is made early of Mr. D. H. Turner, Secretary, Ellicott Square, Buffalo, stating accommodations desired.

HOTELS.—Buffalo has a number of fine hotels, and their proprietors are bound by strict contract to charge not more than their regular established rates, and to accommodate not more than a stated number in a room. The hotel rates per day will be as follows :

Iroquois .....	\$4.00	and	\$5.00
Niagara.....	4.00	“	5.00
Fillmore....	4.00	“	5.00



New Tift House .....	3.00	"	5.00
Broezel.....	3.00	"	5.00
Genesee .. .....	3.00	"	3.50
Mansion .....	2 50	"	3.00
Arlington.....	2.00	"	2.50
Stafford ... ..	2.00	"	3.00
Ontario.....	2.00	"	2.50
Crandall....	1.50		
Tremont .....	1.50		
Rienza, (lodging)....	1.00	and	2 00
Manhattan, (lodging)..<	1.00		

In addition to the above, the committee has arranged for accommodations of from 10 to 30 persons each in small, well-equipped hotels, at rates of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day for lodging, and \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day for board and lodging. Those desiring breakfast only can arrange for same by addition of 25 to 35 cents to cost of lodging.

Accommodations in boarding houses can be had at rates of \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day for board and lodging.

At all regular hotels, and at a majority of the small hotels and boarding houses, contracts must be made for at least three days' time.

PRIVATE FAMILIES.—A good many private families will entertain visitors at a charge usually of \$1.00 per day for use of room, and in some instances will furnish breakfast. Persons desiring such accommodations should

apply at once, stating number in party, how many to be assigned to one room, whether there are ladies in party, and how many gentlemen with their wives desire single rooms.

RESTAURANTS.—All restaurants on the European plan are situated in the heart of the city. They will increase their facilities for furnishing meals, and will charge their regular established rates only.

### **Incidentals.**

MAIL.—To insure the delivery of mail, all intending visitors should leave instructions to have their mail directed to their State headquarters, or in care of Citizens' Committee, Ellicott Square. This is preferable to having mail sent to free quarters where no one has authority to receive it in the absence of the addressee. The post office department intends to grant every facility for the quick delivery of mails. It is not advisable, however, to direct mail to the general delivery department of the post office, as where there are such large numbers, even with prompt attention, much delay in the service must necessarily occur.

INFORMATION BOOTHS.—Booths will be located upon the streets, which will be in charge

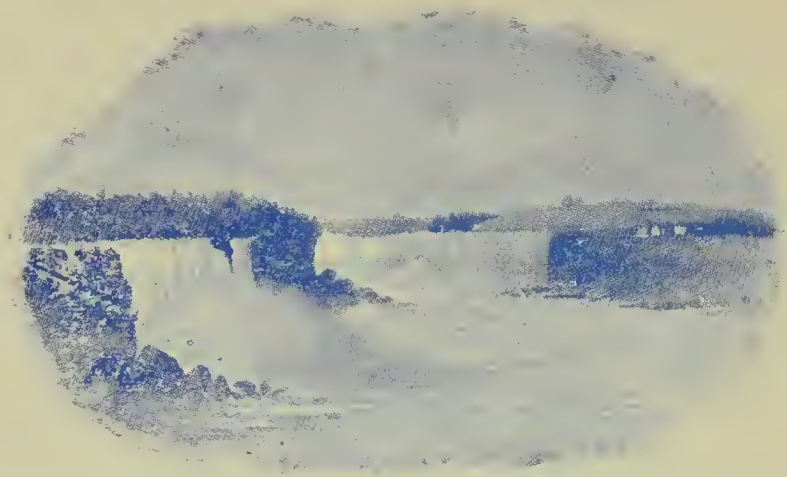
of competent and obliging persons, who will furnish all desired information as to points of interest, location of posts, location of reunions, programme of events, and location of headquarters of departments.

### **Excursions.**

There will be numerous steamboat excursions on Lake Erie and Niagara River to the many pleasant resorts on their shores, for which no greater excursion rate will be charged than 25 cents, although some of the trips amount to a 20-mile ride. These pleasure resorts are arranging for special attractions, and bathing, boating, and fishing can be indulged in, if desired.

### **Side Trips to Toronto**

via Niagara Falls at the very cheap rate of \$1.50 from Buffalo to Toronto and return by car line and regular steamer. Leave Buffalo at 9:15 a. m., by special train, arrive Lewiston 10:30 a. m., take steamer for Toronto, 49 miles across Lake Ontario, arriving 1:00 p. m. Leave Toronto on return 4:45 p. m., arrive Buffalo 9:55. The trip will afford an excellent view of Niagara River, the Falls, Whirlpool and Rapids, and steamer "Chippawa" has been chartered for the Lake trip.



NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

## Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls will prepare to receive properly the thousands of visitors who will come to look upon the world's greatest wonder. Transportation facilities will be greatly increased by the steam and electric railroads which run between Buffalo and the Falls. The committee assure visitors that there will be no extortion practiced upon visitors, and if they follow the instructions given in the guide pamphlet, which can be procured at the information booths, very little money need be expended to see these great falls.

The new additional attraction at the Falls—that of the “Gorge” Railway, from the Falls to Lewiston—will attract thousands who have never before had the opportunity of witnessing the magnificent scenery of the

gorge and whirlpool rapids. Special excursion rates will be made over this railroad.

More extended trips can be taken to Ontario Beach, Rochester, N. Y.; to Chautauqua Lake, including a ride on the lake; to the Thousand Islands and return; to Toronto, Canada, and return by lake and rail, etc.

### **Niagara Falls Hotels.**

The following is a list of Niagara Falls hotel rates per day:

INTERNATIONAL—Accommodates 300 people, \$3.00.

CLIFTON HOUSE—(Canada Side), accommodates 300 people, \$4.00 and upwards.

PROSPECT HOUSE—100 people, \$3.00 to \$4.50.

CATARACT—400 people, \$4.00 and upwards.

KALTENBACH—50 people, \$3.00.

IMPERIAL—450 people, \$2.50 to \$4.00.

TOWER—100 people, \$2.00.

LAFAYETTE—(Canada Side), 100 people, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

STATE PARK—150 people, \$2.00.

NIAGARA—75 people, \$2.00.

SALT'S—40 people, \$2.00.

COLUMBIAN—75 people, \$2.00.

HARVEY HOUSE—40 people, \$2.00.

NIAGARA FALLS HOUSE—50 people, \$2.00.

UNITED STATES—50 people, \$2.00.

SCHWARTZ—25 people, \$2.00.

MALEY—40 people, \$2.00.

TEMPERANCE HOUSE—150  
people, \$1.50.

ATLANTIQUE—75 people,  
\$1.50 and \$2.00.



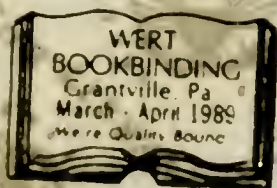












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